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Subject: RE: Thanks and another comment -- RE: Morocco Study Tour Proposal Revised
Attachments: MOROCCO STUDY TOUR PROPOSAL 7.17.19.docx

Hi All,

Here's the updated version of the proposal. I think it's good to go except for the estimated budget.

I can estimate the budget later in the week if I have time. Otherwise, Tony can do it on his return.

Thanks.

Cristina

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Thanks, Monia. It's helpful to know that the number can go down to 8. Could the participants section be changed to say 8-10 participants (7-10 might be even better)?

Also, since this is a concept paper, it just dawned on me that we may need a bit more text at the beginning to say why a study tour is important and how it advances the SWM plan and EPA's previous work in El Kelaa. Does this make sense or would more text be overkill?

Thanks,

Cam

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Hi Cam,

The largest proposed group of participants is from ElKelaa, 3 from the province (administrators), 1 technician/engineer and 2 members of an NGO. I think we can reduce the number to 2 administrators, one technician and 1 NGO member. The rest of the proposed participants are 1 from the Marrakech regional Environmental office who is very involved with ElKelaa in their SWM plan and also presented during both workshops. The rest of the proposed participants (4) are from the ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and the Rabat Landfill, that could probably reduced to 3 participants. A new total of 8 participants.

I hope this helps,

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Morocco Study Tour Proposal Revised

Hi Everyone,

Thanks for the review and comments. This looks great! I've added a few editorial comments to the attached version of the paper that includes Cristina's and Sonam's input – nothing major so feel free to take or leave. Who has "the pen" on this document at this point?

I have a couple of questions/comments that I'd like to share:

- Does this proposal fit within the \$50K budget that Jenny mentioned? Given the number of proposed participants and cities, I'm afraid that we've gone over the limit. To hedge a bit, can we present a range of people from each level of government or agency?

- This agenda offers what appears to be the cream of the crop in terms of site visits. Would it be possible to show them something that is not state-of-the-art or something that is small-scale so the group can see a wider range of approaches?
- Can we map out an AM/PM schedule with estimated travel times between meetings just to see what's fitting in and what may need to be moved/dropped? It may be too early for this. For now, I suggest keeping all of the activities listed and finetune down the road.

Thanks!

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Thanks, Sonam, for laying out these considerations.

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Hahaha Theo. Seattle and San Francisco are both excellent locations to spend a weekend, however our California Mediterranean climate may take the cake 😊 (except for summers in San Francisco being the coldest winter Mark Twain allegedly ever saw.) As many of you know we have many wonderful central/walkable tourist sites: the beautiful golden gate bridge, Union Square, Ghirardelli chocolate factory, our growing downtown skyline, 4,000+ restaurants (54 with Michelin stars), and finally and most importantly we also have many Starbucks here as well 😊.

I'd be happy to continue my list, but some honest drawbacks to SF is that hotels can be quite expensive if that's something we need to factor in. We especially need to make sure we don't plan the trip around some of the large annual tech conferences (hotel rooms get sold out quickly, and can go for more than triple their normal rate.) Lastly, I added a comment to the proposal in regards to traveling time to one of the locations in Vacaville, CA. If we want to keep the SF trip to two days we may need to drop that location.

Sonam

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Hi Cristina!

Besides the possibility that you are finally coming to Seattle, I see no reason why our partners wouldn't be interested in spending a weekend in Seattle. I have to tread carefully with Sonam here, but Seattle has a lot of attractions that include the Space Needle, Starbucks coffee company, Boeing aircraft manufacturing company, Theo (yes, ***Theo***) chocolate, unique Microsoft Software Development and Sale Co., Pike Place Public Market (inside the city and within walking distance of downtown hotels), and so much more. As this may be a fierce competition with Sonam, I will also mention that CA would be too hot for them unless they come in winter and Sonam becomes the winner😊

Theo

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Thanks, Tony. I'm adding Sonam. I don't believe that this Study Tour needs fit into one week. I think a week and a couple of days in fine. Theo and Sonam, any thoughts about in which city we would propose them spending their weekend?

Thanks.

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Hello,

I have attached the revised Morocco study tour proposal to the U.S.

I have added the participants that have been selected for consideration from Morocco as well as the additional stop that we discussed in San Francisco.

I am still trying to figure out what how we might plan another stop to San Francisco in addition to the other two in one week or what the best place for the participants to stay over a weekend would be. Does anyone have suggestions for the timing of these stops?

I mentioned to state that we would circulate the proposal this week and try to finalize it and get it to them by next week if possible. I am out the remainder of the week but will take any feedback from this week and make the changes.

Thanks.

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